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BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The great argument for Home Missions is the unparalleled advance of our country; and the present power of the argument is the character of the population. God, it has been said, sifted three countries, to sow the land with the finest of the wheat. The religious element of the early settlers had a vast influence. It was stamped in the gristle, ere it hardened into bone. The immigration came then so gradually, that it could not, and did not act as a disturbing force. The pure stream ran in its limpid flow over the virgin soil. But *now* the strange condition of the nations,—the growing instability of things in Europe, and the consequent distrust,—the rush of events on that continent since the conflict of Sadowa,—the end of our rebellion—the construction of the Pacific Railroad, the destined highway of nations—the long hoped-for path to the Orient by the West now realized,—the intense and blood earnestness of our people occupy every fireside there, and hurries on us immigration, which, but for our faith in an overruling Providence would frighten us. It is this feature of our condition which impresses us. The superstitions and the infidelity which pervade that immigration, and the kindred evils which cleave to them might well alarm every thoughtful man,—citizens ere they can measure their high responsibility—equal to any of us in the value of their votes: these are for the weal or woe of our most cherished interests. More need not be said; there it is, and it looks us in the face. As long as the springs in the distant mountains can pour down their limpid streams, the roll of its wave is pure, notwithstanding the infusion of foreign ingredients, but—it is possible the infusion may overcome the native stream, and these dark and poisonous waters may flow, carrying death to the being of the nation. It is only by keeping, not abreast but ahead, of these introduced elements that we can be saved. To send the missionaries to take possession of opening and inviting fields is our duty, and hence our safety. This is before the Church; this is the crisis of our religious history. The roll of the tide is West, along the iron road, where towns grow by magic and populations gather. Is the Church aware of these facts? Is she oblivious to the changes on the map of the United States? Will she not study these rapid and breathless developments? We cannot afford to loiter. This then is the aim of Home Missions. There spreads our country onward—Westward. That is the deeply trodden path of the people. We know at this instant of fields of utmost promise which we would love to occupy. But, alas! we cannot! we send back

sorrowful negatives to the applications which come from these distant territories, and it is the saddest duty the secretary has to perform. It remains with the Church to say what we shall do? Must these *contractions* go on while the country *expands* at a rate so amazing? Must we be content to hold our own, and cry *All right along the Potomac*? No advance, no fresh occupations, no spiritual victories. And now that the Week of Prayer has just closed, and we cast out rapidly these lines for the press, are we to hope as the results of these prayers, no answering efforts, no fresh consecrations; or shall we sleep again till another year shall summon those that remain to new prayer and fresh exhortations! Thy kingdom come; we have prayed it,—do we mean it, and do we intend to do more than ever this year to help on by vigorous efforts and increased contributions the work of God? It may be said here, that there is a gratifying increase in the contributions of the churches this year so far, but not enough to justify the Board in such expansion as they would desire. We do not feel that the Church will hold the office blameless, if, in the full sight of the facts of this case, we drift into debt, and in the issue compel more serious contraction. We have no command from the General Assembly to incur debt, yea, we have their positive injunction to avoid it.

Heathendom at Home.

Help the Board of Missions to send the Gospel to such fields as below described.

Iowa.

“One of our elders in travelling home on Sabbath evening, at one place found a large family, parents and daughters, all manufacturing their sorgum into molasses. At another place, he found several young men fighting and swearing. At another, he saw six wagons with horses attached, and a large collection of young people engaged in a dance. I shall endeavour to extend my labours into this Sodom, and ask Presbytery for assistance.

“My year’s salary, including a box of clothing valued at \$107, amounts to \$452.”

“If Riches Increase, set not your Heart upon them.”

We have often seen those who, when in comparative poverty, were generous with their little, but who have become penurious in becoming rich. While their means were small, their outgoes trod close upon their incomes; their habit of giving was exercised and strengthened in some proportion to that of receiving, and the passion for accumulating had not room to spread its roots. But when the gains began sensibly to advance beyond the outgoes, a habit was formed of calculating how long it would take to reach such and

such a sum; and with no active principle of benevolence proportionally counterworking the growing passion for gains, every little increase served to feed the passion, and every call for charities was resisted, because it postponed the time of reaching the proposed amount to be laid in. Aware of this principle of human nature, divine wisdom has given the caution, “If riches increase, set not your heart upon them;” hinting to us that the “setting of the heart upon them” is a common result of increase.

How many thousands have said in their hearts, O if I were as rich as such a one, how would I multiply the streams of my bounty; I would do nothing else than employ my wealth in doing good. But all such talk is vain; the process of becoming so rich would expose you to the fiercer heats of temptation, consuming all benevolent affections. The process of increasing wealth, without the outgoes of benevolence, is a process of confirming a feeling of poverty, a grasping desire for more, which like the grave will be ever crying, Give give. A case has been known of a man at the age of threescore and ten, with his hundred thousand dollars, free from debt, and well invested, and yet crying like a child in apprehension of a possible experience of poverty. And this state of feeling was induced by a most natural process, by a mind given up to the passion of accumulating, without the counter-process of distributing. This is an invariable result of human

experience in like circumstances, and it shows the importance of some law of conduct to keep our benevolent activities in use. Our condition is like that of a leaky vessel, which needs the constant labour of the pump in throwing out, to prevent its being submerged.

This fact in human nature should be well considered by *the young*, who are just entering upon a course of business, and upon the formation of character. Here is a powerful element in the production of character, which one cannot overlook without great damage to himself. Whether the young person regards his happiness and usefulness for time or for

eternity, it is immensely important that he adopt this divinely appointed method of enlarging his heart.

And the church as a whole, and each professed Christian, has a special interest in this matter, because *covetousness is more especially the sin of the visible church*. It is so, because it is of such a nature that it can better conceal itself under a Christian profession. Spurious conversions more often consist of a change of the dominion of one lust for that of another; and as long as the heart remains unchanged, the lesser changes must consist in some substitution like this.—*Rev. Parsons Cooke.*

RECEIPTS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS IN DECEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Ballston Spa ch 55 64; West Milton ch 9; Gloversville ch 41 70; Kingsboro ch 51 12; Ballston Centre ch 30 25. *Pby of Londonderry*—Newburyport 1st ch 129 48, of which 51 from ladies' Whitefield Circle; Windham ch 40 06. *Pby of Mohawk*—Park Central ch Syracuse 150; Smithville Flats ch 10. *Pby of Troy*—South ch Troy 10; Second st ch Troy 255 08; Waterford ch 100 882 33

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Glade Run ch 17; Worthington ch 15; Sunbury ch 6 40; Brady's Bend ch 11. *Pby of Allegheny City*—Beaver ch 22 70; Concord ch 3. *Pby of Beaver*—Sharon ch 25 30; Newton ch 8 13; Leetonia ch 4 34; Columbiana ch 3 75; East Palestine ch 9 1; Beaver Falls ch 60 50; Little Beaver ch 20; Westfield ch 57; Mt Pleasant ch 37; Hopewell ch 3. *Pby of Erie*—Mill Creek ch 22 75; Cochran-ton ch 15; Milledgeville ch 9 35; 1st ch Mercer 80 429 13

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Taneytown ch 150; Bethel ch 13 50; Chestnut Grove ch 15 50. *Pby of Carlisle*—Harrisburg ch 83 33; Mechanicsburg ch 20; Barton and Lonaconing chs 17 80; Carlisle 2d ch 159 40; Gettysburg ch Sab-sch 39 12. *Pby of Potomac*—First ch Prince William and Manassas ch 5; N Y Ave ch Washington 63 63; Alexandria 1st ch 12 15; North ch Washington 43 08; Seventh St ch Washington 4 626 51

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Alden 1st ch 11; Central ch Buffalo 50. *Pby of Genesee River*—Tuscarora ch 3; Wyoming ch 21 50 85 50

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Chicago*—Queen Anne Ger ch 10 12; Jefferson Park ch Chicago 58 18; St Anne ch 5 23. *Pby of Rock River*—Galena South ch 70; Galena Ger ch 5 70; Morris-town ch 6 15; Fulton City ch 12; Middle Creek ch 24; Dixon ch 50 16; Shannon ch 5 75. *Pby of Schuyler*—Ipava ch 18; Perry ch 17; Mount Sterling ch 8. *Pby of Warren*—Shiloh ch 10 55 300 84

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington ch 20; South Salem ch 33; Pisgah ch 15 25; Belfast ch 4 75. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Somerset ch 6 45; 1st ch Glendale 80 55; Cummins-ville ch 12; Reading ch 13 04. *Pby of Miami*—Diek's Creek ch 17 70; Middletown ch 26; Rev R H Jackson 1; Monroe ch 14. *Pby of Oxford*—Venice ch 34 75; Somerville ch 20; Camden ch 7 56. *Pby of Sidney*—First ch Urbana 26; Bellefontaine 1st ch 46; Covington ch 4 382 05

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Heyworth ch 15; Union Grove ch 10; Farm Ridge ch 14 91. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Zion and St John's Ger chs 7 60. *Pby of Palestine*—Hebron ch 9 50; Oakland ch 8. *Pby of Sangamon*—Springfield 3d ch 53 10; Farmington ch 27 145 11

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Hopewell ch 26. *Pby of New Albany*—Sharon ch 2; Rehoboth ch 5; Bloomington ch 15; New Albany 1st ch 130. *Pby of Vincennes*—Second ch, Vincennes 27; Washington ch 13; Petersburg ch 7 50 225 50

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Wilton ch 7; Sugar Creek ch 10 50; Rev J D Mason 25; Fairview ch 4 50; Muscatine ch 25; Tipton ch 25; New York ch 6. *Pby of Dubuque*—Prairie ch 5; Andrew ch 8; Farmer's Creek ch 4; Lime Spring ch 3; Chester ch 3; Waverly ch 13; Bethel ch 3; Jessup ch 7 06; 1st ch Bellevue 7. *Pby of Fort Dodge*—Unity ch 5; Ostfriesland ch 4. *Pby of Vinton*—West Irving ch 8; Rock Creek ch 10; Deep River ch 5 65; South Ridge ch 5 55 194 25

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Topeka*—Burlingame ch 15 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Ebenezer*—Falmouth ch 15. *Pby of West Lexington*—Hopewell ch 50; Lexington 1st ch 25 90 00

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Lafayette*—Kansas City ch 21 50. *Pby of Palmyra*—La Clede ch 4; Brookfield ch 14. *Pby of St Louis*—St Charles ch 32 60. *Pby of Upper Missouri*—Sioux City ch 10 50; Fillmore ch 23 66, of wh Sab-sch 3 50, and Rev J N Young 10 106 26

Pby of Holston—Salem ch 15; Mt Bethel ch 10 25 00

Pby of Nashville—First colored ch, Columbia 7 20

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Burlington*—Burlington ch 52 27; Camden 1st ch, in part, 3. *Pby of Corisco*—Evangasinba ch 16. *Pby of Luzerne*—Coalville ch 7; Conyngam ch 20; Shenandoah City ch 16; Wilkesbarre ch 227; Archbald Ger ch 4. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Kingston ch 52 36; Lawrence ch 154 25; Pennington ch, add'l 6; New Brunswick 1st ch 132 46, of wh Sab-sch 20. *Pby of Newton*—Mansfield 2d ch 21, of wh 1 Willie N Ackman's holiday money; Oxford 2d ch 50; Pleasant Grove ch 19. *Pby of Passaic*—Wickliffe ch Newark 32 43. *Pby of Raritan*—German Valley ch 33 50. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Monroeton ch 8; Stevensville ch 11; Rushville ch 4. *Pby of West Jersey*—Bridgeton 2d ch 61 64, of wh Sab-sch 44 28; Absecon ch 14; Blackwoodtown ch 115 16; Woodbury ch 36 25; Hammonton ch 8; Bridgeton 1st ch 326, of wh 60 from Ladies' Socy 1431 32

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Connecticut*—South Salem ch 122, of wh Sab-sch 15, Ladies' Western Benev Ass'n 32; Yorktown ch 49. *Pby of Hudson*—Rockland 1st ch 3. *Pby of Long Island*—Middletown ch 22 80; Huntington 1st ch 109; East Hampton ch 44 88. *Pby of Nassau*—Second ch Brooklyn, from S C Burnett 10; Ross St ch Sab-sch 50; Williamsburg Ger ch 5. *Pby of New York*—Greenbush ch 30; Stony Point ch 11 10

Brick ch 1768 40; Chelsea ch 62; Fifth Avenue and Nineteenth Street ch 6951 39 9229 57

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Bethany ch, add'l 3. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—Warsaw ch 8; Kendallville 1st ch 35; Pleasant Ridge ch 11; Elhannon ch 4. *Pby of Lake-Goshen* ch 11. *Pby of Logansport*—Perrysburg ch 7; Indian Creek ch 3 75; Sand Ridge ch 3 75; Oxford ch 5; Lexington ch 21; Lafayette 1st ch 38 98; Logansport 1st ch 71 10. *Pby of Muncie*—Brownsburg ch 3; Clermont ch 1; Hartford ch 6 75; Union ch 11; New Castle ch 26 80; Ebenezer ch 8 45 279 58

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Bucyrus 1st ch 50; Crestline ch 15; Delaware ch 19; Mt Gilead ch 5. *Pby of Richland*—Mansfield ch 24; Shelby ch 10; Waterford ch 13 58; Savannah ch 35; Haysville ch 39 75; Fredericktown ch 39 80. *Pby of Wooster*—Millersburg ch 8 65; Fredericksburg ch Sab-sch 7; Chester ch 1. *Pby of Zanesville*—Marietta ch branch Sab-sch 1 18; Washington ch 39 75; McConnellsville ch 7 315 71

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Napa ch 20
Pby of California—First ch San Francisco 185 77 205 77

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—Leacock ch 38 18; Marietta ch 22; Chestnut Level ch 41 26. *Pby of Huntingdon*—Martinsburg ch 18; West Kishacoquillas ch 70; Shaver's Creek ch 5; Upper Tuscarora ch 15; Sinking Valley ch 48. *Pby of New Castle*—Doe Run ch 13 42; Upper Octorara ch 107; Benev Fund of New London Congregation 80, of wh from M N C 10; Fagg's Manor ch 118; Downington ch 10. *Pby of Northumberland*—Jersey Shore ch 35 94; North Point ch 19 80, of wh 11 from Hyner's Run. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch half mo coll 7 60; North Tenth St ch 45 39; Central ch 430. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—Easton 1st ch, a widow's mite 5, from a lady 5, = 10; Bensalem ch 17 50; Plumsteadville ch 7; Roxborough ch 19; Falls of Schuylkill ch 9 50; Allentownship ch 40; Conshohocken ch 15; Neshaminy ch 83 25 1325 84

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Greensburg ch 27 66. *Pby of Clarion*—Middle Creek ch 12 80; Greenville ch 16 50; Pisgah ch 9 30. *Pby of Ohio*—Central ch, add'l 43 66; Shady Side ch 139 10; Miller's Run ch 17 35; Sharon ch, add'l 7; Bethany ch, Male Missy Soc'y 43 75, Female Missy Soc'y 19, = 62 75; Bethel ch, 100; Pittsburgh 2d ch Sab-sch 12 08. *Pby of Redstone*—Brownsville ch 14. *Pby of Saltsburg*—Appleby Manor ch 17 86; Cherry Run ch 5 91; Crooked Creek ch 12 55; Glade Run ch Sab-sch 15; Ebenezer ch 41 25; Marion ch 6 15; Gilgal ch 13; Mt Pleasant ch 16 594 92

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Black River Falls ch 9; Chippewa Falls ch 5 50. *Pby of St Paul*—Rev J G Riheladaffer 10; Westminster ch Minneapolis 115 08; Rockford 1st ch 5; Medina ch 5; Andrew ch, St Anthony 44; La Sneur ch 4; Judson ch 2. *Pby of S Minnesota*—Lake City 1st ch 40; Rochester ch 37; Preston ch 5 281 58

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Findlay*—Van Wert ch 20; Highland ch 3; Enon Valley ch 5. *Pby of Maumee*—Bryan ch 10; Hicksville ch 5; Union ch 3; Toledo 2d ch 3 75; Gilead ch 6 02; Ottawa ch 11; Bethel ch 9. *Pby of Michigan*—Zeeland ch 4 40; Woodhull ch 3 20; Westminster ch Detroit 66 22. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Rev R B Moore 30; Guilford ch 16 25 195 84

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Des Moines ch 41 25. *Pby of Fairfield*—Brighton ch 125; Salina ch 7 25; Ottumwa ch 7; Sigourney ch 7. *Pby of Iowa*—Union ch, Fort Madison 19. *Pby of Missouri River*—Bellevue ch 12; Nebraska City ch 8 15; Blackbird Hills ch 10 112 90

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Yellow Creek ch 40; Bethesda ch 6; Alliance ch 21. *Pby of St Clairsville*—St Clairsville ch 38; Bellair ch 34 30. *Pby of Steubenville*—Perry ch 5; Centre Unity ch, from the Hanna Fund, 366 80; Bacon Ridge ch 20; New Cumberland ch 10; Wells-ville ch 35 85; Waynesburg ch 9; Bethlehem ch

9. *Pby of Washington*—Fairview ch 10 35; East Buffalo ch 24 75; 1st ch Washington, mon coll 16 25; 2d ch Wheeling 125; Cross Roads ch 30 85. *Pby of West Virginia*—Sisterville ch 10 10; Bethel ch 6; Grafton ch 5; Gnatty Creek ch 2 60 825 85

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Pleasantville Ger ch 3 15; Belleville ch 5; Lakeview ch 6; Blue Mounds 1st ch 7 85. *Pby of Milwaukee*—West Granville 1st Ger ch 4; Port Washington ch 25. *Pby of Winnebago*—Winneconne 1st ch 5; Depere ch 25 81 00

Total receipts from churches, \$18,395 56

MISCELLANEOUS.—W J H 2; Young ladies of Lawrenceville fem sem'y 4 75; Mrs L H Huston, Chillicothe, Ohio 3; J S Brown, Iroquois, Ill 1; "A lady, Delaware," 5; Mr S Grondyke, Eugene, Ind, 10; D H Maxwell, Esq, Rockville, Ind 2; "A few friends," 40; Mrs Mary C Donaldson, Phila, 1100; A friend of missions, Chillicothe, Mo, 5; Rev T L Janeway, D.D. 500; Jas Lenox, Esq, 2000; "Two ladies," 500; John E Parsons, Esq, 100; A M Bruen, Scarsdale, 500; Religious Contribution Soc'y of Princeton, Theological Sem'y, 82 41; A T Williams, Diamond City, Montana, 1 50; Mrs N J Biddle, Phila, 100; Rev Jno Pitkin, 3 25 4,959 91

LEGACIES.—Legacy of the late Dr Kilbourn, of Ohio, 200, less tax and exch 12 25, = 187 75; Bequest of Mrs Ann Piper, dec'd, Ills, 50, less exchange 12 cts, = 49 85; Bal of legacy of Mrs Isabella Fulton, dec'd, late of Phelps, N Y 40 30 277 93

Total Receipts in December, \$23,632 40

S. D. POWEL, Treasurer,

No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia.

CLOTHING.

1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Morristown, N J, valued at \$340 00
1 box from ladies of Hamilton, Ohio, valued at 296 75
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, New Brunswick, N J, valued at 270 00
1 box from ladies of Wilkesbarre ch, Pa, valued at 392 00
1 box from ladies of Huntingdon ch, Pa, valued at 250 00
1 box from ladies of Greenwich ch, N J, valued at 110 31
1 box from ladies of Wheeling 1st ch, W Va, valued at 109 00
1 box from Sabbath-school of Fredericksburg ch, Ohio, valued at 40 00
1 box from ladies of Newton ch, N J, valued at 160 00
1 box from ladies of 2d ch, Peoria, Ill, value not given.
1 box from ladies of 1st ch, Albany, N Y, valued at 314 70
1 box from ladies of Bridgeport ch, Connecticut, valued at 130 00
1 package from Sabbath-school of Holmesburg ch, Pa. value not given.

Total, \$2,412 76

NOTE.—Two boxes acknowledged in January Record as from First church Allegheny, should have been First church Albany.

MISSION HOUSE.

No. 907 ARCH STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Corresponding Secretary—REV. T. L. JANEWAY, D.D.
Treasurer—SAMUEL D. POWEL.

LETTERS relating to Missionary Appointments and other operations of the Board, should be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, No. 907 Arch street, Philadelphia. Letters relating to the pecuniary affairs of the Board, or containing remittances of money, should be sent to S. D. POWEL, Esq., Treasurer—same address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

THE HARVEST TRULY IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WILL SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.—Matt. ix. 37, 38.

Resolution of the General Assembly of 1867.

“That the Day of Prayer for colleges, schools, and the youth of the Church, on
THE LAST THURSDAY OF FEBRUARY,
 be observed, so far as possible, in all our churches; and that
THE FIRST SABBATH OF MARCH,
 immediately following, be improved by such instruction from the pulpit as may awaken in parents a deeper concern for the salvation of their children, and may lead the children and youth to consecrate themselves to Christ; also, that appeals be made at the same time for enlarged contributions to the Ministerial Fund of the Board.”

The Hopeful Aspect of Education---Action of the Board.

At the meeting of the Board of Education for January, the secretary reported the following as an encouraging fact: There is evidently a steady increase in the number of candidates recommended by the presbyteries to our care; and it has reached a point where we may begin to trace the precious fruits of the revivals of the last two years, and thank God. Since the beginning of the war the cause had sunk very low, but now the number of students for the ministry is rapidly on the gain. If we compare the closing quarter in each of the last few years we find that in that of 1861, but 28 candidates were taken under the care of the Board; in 1862, only 17; in 1863, 22; in 1864, 27; in 1865, 32; in 1866, 39; in that of the year just gone, 47. Other facts of present interest were mentioned.

The Board sends forth the following resolutions, which it trusts will be borne upon the memory and heart of those that love the Saviour, in connection with the Day of Prayer for youth and schools on the last Thursday of February, and on the Sabbath appointed for Education (the 1st) in March:

Resolved, That the Board of Education regards with sincere gratitude to God, the source of all blessing, the manifest fact that an increasing number of His youthful servants are taking up their cross, leaving houses and lands, parents, kindred, ease and, honour as to the world, that they may follow Christ, and preach His gospel to our perishing race; and it does, in view of that fact, call upon the churches to sustain these young men in the great purpose they have set before them, by placing in our treasury the means that are necessary to obtain for them the intellectual furniture which success in their work demands.

Resolved, That this Board marks with thankfulness the increased desire among Christians to give the blessings of a sound and religious education to the various foreign populations, to the regions desolated by war, and to other portions of our country where they are most needed; to give effect to these efforts, fully twice the amount contributed by the Church last year will be needed, and the Board hopes that in every congregation where the Day for Prayer of youth and colleges may be observed, the people of God will not come before Him “empty,” but that they will

accompany their petitions for blessing upon those objects with such gifts as will prove before God their sincerity, and be a chief means of procuring for suffering and struggling schools the very benefits the churches ask for them.

Resolved, That it is the deep conviction of this Board that the only hope of the church, as to the increase of the ministry in numbers, spirituality, zeal and power; as to the thorough awakening of its membership to a considerate and large-hearted beneficence in the use of worldly goods; and as to the conversion of this whole land, and all this world, to the Lord Jesus Christ; lies in God's answers to its importunate prayers for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost, on the plea of Christ's precious blood, and through His all-sufficient intercession on high.

Our German Population.

In one of the most lovely and fertile of the numerous lovely and fertile regions of the Valley of the Mississippi, a few years ago, a company of Germans laid out a town, far removed from any other settlements, with the view of collecting there a society where Christian "priests" should not be allowed to come even for a night's shelter, where Christian Sabbaths should never be observed with more respect than any other day, and where public opinion should permit men to say and do just what their opinions or appetites might prompt. The true history of that town would form a wonderful and dreadful record. Its morals became a stench to even the heathen Indians, upon whose border it stood. Its horrid blasphemies rose at last to such a pitch, before God visited it with a fearful judgment that for a time made it a desolation, that a procession was formed upon one peaceful Sabbath morning, in mockery of the day and its blessed founder, which marched through the streets bearing at its head a grotesque effigy of the Saviour of mankind, and this they took to a hill near by, and, with shouts of insult, burned.

There are numerous Germans of fervent piety in our land. We can never repay the debt we owe to their Reformers, and to their many shining lights in Christian doctrine, and in Christ-like life. But very great dangers threaten America from the torrent of infidelity and licentiousness which Germany is pouring over it. It is a form of unbelief more dangerous in some respects than that which has grown up amidst, and been unconsciously modified and restrained by the Christianity of the British Islands. It is more arrogant, and more aggressive. It is more subject to the beck of reckless leaders. It is much more sensual. It is far more destructive to society. Its enmity to Christianity is more deadly. A recent German daily paper cries out: "No castle of priests! Abolish the observance of Sunday as a public institution! Close the churches on Sunday!" And it speaks of the Americans as "afflicted with the 'English disease,' which is a religious madness, composed of pietism, phariseeism, hypocrisy, Sunday sanctimoniousness, and humbug, supported by downright fanaticism." Formal opposition has been made to the reading of the Scriptures in the public schools. Is there any leaven of evil in our land more dangerous than this? Any that we should more earnestly endeavour to overcome, in a wise and Christian manner?

The Board of Education is deeply impressed with the feeling that to save this population, and to avert these threatening dangers, one very important means is to plant sound Christian schools, under the care of earnest and faithful men, in the heart of the districts where the largest numbers of Germans dwell. It has encouraged the gathering of schools of German children in the cities of New York, Williamsburgh, (N. Y.) New Orleans, St. Louis, and in several towns. The reports

of some of these schools to us during the past year have shown their usefulness. The last annual report of the Board gave accounts of several of them up till the time when it was prepared.

The Theological School, at Dubuque, is an institution for which the Presbyterian Church should feel a tender solicitude. A report of its Board of Directors, to the Presbyteries of Dubuque and Dane, of which a copy has been sent us, states: "It is in a highly, and increasingly, flourishing condition. The examinations have shown that the pupils are thoroughly instructed; and all of them passed very satisfactory examinations in all the departments." Considerable room has been added to the building during the summer, by raising a portion of it one story higher. The cost, over a thousand dollars, has been met by contributions obtained chiefly by Professor Van Vliet, and the Rev. W. L. Green. For the efficient assistance of the latter, the directors express their warm gratitude. They refer "with highest appreciation and warmest thanks to the various labours of the Rev. Mr. Van Vliet," who "has done and is doing great good," and has been a means under which "the school has been greatly prospered and blessed;" notwithstanding, "during a considerable part of the past year, he has laboured in weakness and ill-health." Fourteen of the students of this institution are aided by the Board of Education. Several others formerly aided by it are now at work for the Saviour among their people.

And now the Board lays this weighty subject upon the conscience and heart of the Church. It is assured, that with a fair presentation of it, this will not be done in vain. Three things of a practical nature we would suggest. *First*, that each Presbytery and church would consider the spiritual condition of the German population within its reach, and whether some efficient efforts cannot be put forth to bring those not under evangelical influence to hear the precious offers of the gospel, and to give their children a Christian education. *Second*, that intelligent and pious individuals should send us pecuniary assistance in doing what the Board has on hand. *Third*, that due earnest effort should be made in every congregation to give a good contribution, on the *day of prayer for youth and schools*, for this and other objects under the care of *this department* of the Board of Education.

Thanks of an Earnest Teacher.

We have received already some grateful evidences of the good done by the precious thoughts of Dr. Alexander, sent out to pastors and students in a supplement to the *January Record*. The following letter may stimulate some to re-read and pray over it:—

The perusal yesterday of "*The Hope and Power of the Church*," has greatly quickened me, and has, more than anything else, brought my heart in unison with this "Week of Prayer." Wearied to exhaustion by toil and care, especially burdensome in relation to the institution this season, and grieved by my fears, least this season of supplication should find and leave me all unstrung, and out of tune, by reason of the secular duties crowding me all the days, to me these precious whisperings of the sainted Alexander came at once inspiring, and yet most soothing and restful. It now seems to me as though

"mountains would become a plain." Here are one hundred and thirty youths and children, many of them of no ordinary capacity, yet scarcely half a dozen show any love for the Lord. How I long to be permitted to bring these lambs to the fold! "Pray for us."

Information for Churches and Presbyteries.

The last General Assembly took action in regard to two matters which should be specially kept in view by Presbyteries at their spring and future meetings.

First. It was agreed, (in the adoption of the Report on Ministerial Sustentation), "that it be enjoined on all the Presbyteries to guard against the admission of men to the ministry, of whose character, habits, acquirements, prudence, and piety, they have not ample evidence to satisfy them of their fitness for the sacred office; and that it be earn-

estly urged upon all the Presbyteries not to grant license to their candidates 'except in extraordinary cases' until they have spent the whole three sessions of study in the seminary."

Second, (in the report on the subject of the Board of Education), "That the Board be instructed to withhold appropriations, except in extraordinary cases, to schools, and academies, in those Presbyteries none of whose congregations have contributed to the funds of this Board."

The object of the last resolution was to secure a general collection on the last Thursday of February for the School Department.

Academy at Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

An energetic young pastor, (Rev. J. W. Dinsmore) in the Northwest, describes in a letter to us the efforts of his people to plant "the classical school beside the church" in a region where such a light will shine far and wide. It affords us much pleasure to state that they have secured as a principal the Rev. Daniel Wells, a minister of culture, experience, and ardent desire to raise up a generation of young men who will be a blessing to the world.

He says: This is a beautiful and healthful town of eighteen hundred people,

situate on the right bank of the Wisconsin, twenty-five miles west of Madison, and thirty southwest of Portage City. There is a large German element in our population, but the largest part are from New England and New York, with a goodly number of Jerseymen. Three years ago, there was but little evangelical religion of any name in this whole region. Yet the people were intelligent, enterprising, and thrifty. A Presbyterian church was organized out of the fragments of a former Congregational organization, and I was settled pastor. The Lord prospered us, and we have grown greatly. Already our church has an extensive influence, in providing for the spiritual wants of five thousand souls.

The prospects for an academy are unusually fine. The demand is for an institution of a high grade, an academy which will take rank with the best, and command respect, and draw pupils from abroad. There is no competition in this whole region, indeed, I know of no school such as we purpose establishing, within a circle whose radius is fifty miles. There is a great desire on the part of the young people of this region to secure a good education. This is a place of uncommon beauty and picturesqueness of natural scenery. It is very healthful, and living is unusually cheap.

RECEIPTS AT PHILADELPHIA IN DECEMBER, 1867.

I. FUND FOR CANDIDATES.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Second ch. Albany	\$105 00
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Sunberry ch	5 46
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Fairmount ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Baltimore</i> —Annapolis ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Belfast ch 1 85; Amsterdam ch 1 97; Hillsboro' ch 34 82	38 64
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —S Salem ch, of which 10 from Sab-sch	39 00
<i>Pby of Clarion</i> —Bethesda ch 37 50; New Bethlehem ch 8	45 50
<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Pluckamin ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Portageville ch	4 25
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shelbyville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Logansport</i> —Delphi ch	8 50
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch. from P	10 00
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —Smithtown ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Mohawk</i> —Smithville ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Second ch. Springfield. O	39 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London ch, Benevolent Fund of	55 00
<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Bloomsburg ch	33 37
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —German ch. Williamsburg	7 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —First ch New York	3,344 28
<i>Pby of Oxford</i> —Hamilton ch 47 10; Seven Mile ch 7 67; Bethel ch 8 50	63 27
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Av ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chester ch	20 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Neshaminy ch 20; Allentownship ch 20	40 00
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Harmony ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena ch	31 58
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Cherrytree ch 4; Bethesda ch 3 65	7 55
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Shawneetown ch	12 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Centre Unity ch	426 80

<i>Pby of St. Clairsville</i> —Bellair ch	24 00
<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —Sidney 1st ch	18 70
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Washington 1st ch	69 25
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	\$4,547 15

LEGACIES.

Estate of Dr Kiborn, Ohio, 200, less tax 12 25 = 187 75; Bequest of Mrs Ann Piper, late of Illinois, 49 87	\$237 62
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MISCELLANEOUS.

A Lady, Delaware, 5; Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, New York, 2; Interest on the real estate of the late John Means, Lebanon, Pa, 136 12; John E Parsons, Esq, New York, 25	168 12
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	\$4,925 89

II. FUND FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, &c.

<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Marietta ch	\$1 75
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Lewinsville and Fall chs	5 00
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Cohoeksink ch, from Gaston Memorial Miss. Fund, special,	20 00
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	\$26 75

Total amount acknowledged, \$4,979 64

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Recent Intelligence.

THE REV. DAVID HERRON and his wife, and Miss Isabella A. Nassau embarked at this port for England, on the 7th of January, the former to proceed to India, and Miss Nassau to Corisco, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Menaul, whose departure was mentioned in the *Record* of last month. Mr. Herron is returning to the work in which he was long an efficient labourer, and in so doing he has to meet the trial of separating from three of his children, who are left with friends in this country; his youngest son accompanies him. Mrs. Herron, of this city, and Miss Nassau, daughter of the Rev. C. W. Nassau, D.D., of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, are ladies held in the highest esteem by many Christian friends. On the 25th of December, the Rev. R. Lenington and his wife, and Mrs. Schneider, wife of the Rev. F. J. C. Schneider, embarked at this port for Brazil. Mrs. Schneider returns with improved health. Mr. Lenington, a member of the Presbytery of Sangamon, has for some years been pastor of the Madeira Portuguese churches in Illinois, and he will be able at once to enter upon missionary work in Brazil. We trust our readers will remember these missionaries in their prayers.

ADDED TO THE CHURCH.—The Rev. A. Rudolph, under date of November 21st, speaks of having admitted to the church of Lodiana, the wife of one of the native Christians, and also one of the girls in the Orphan Institute. The Rev. F. J. C. Schneider, writing at Rio de Janeiro, November 23d, mentions the admission of two persons, a man and his wife, to the church. He also refers to one of the deacons of the church as having been called to enter upon his eternal rest, and speaks of him as one who “adorned the profession he had made, and gave every evidence of being prepared to render up his account.” The annual narrative of the Presbytery of Siam, dated November 1st, mentions the admission of eleven persons during the year, to the church in Bangkok, and four to the church in Petchaburi. One of the converts of the latter place had been refused permission to visit her home; she has literally given up all for Christ. On the first Sabbath in November four more converts were admitted to the church in Bangkok, and a delightful communion season was enjoyed. The report of the Ningpo Mission, October 1st, mentions the admission of seventy persons to the communion of the six churches in the bounds of the Mission during the preceding year, making the whole number of communicants three hundred and twenty-nine. The brethren say, “What are these among the many millions of this province?” And yet they are most grateful for such tokens of the blessing of God on their labours. Four new members were added to the Corisco church during the year.

THE LICENSURE of Nai Klai to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Siam, in November, was an event of very encouraging interest. At the same meeting, on the call of the native church in Bangkok, the Rev. S. R. House, M.D., was installed as pastor.

THE NEW MISSION TO THE LAOS.—Letters have been received from the Rev. D. McGilvary, of dates to the 18th of September, reporting the safe arrival of himself and family at Chieng-Mai, on the 1st of April last, their continued health, and the good prospects of their new mission. See notice on the next page.

EDUCATIONAL MEASURES AMONG THE CREEKS AND SEMINOLES.—Letters dated

December 19th at the Creek Station, and December 17th at the Seminole Station, speak of the strong desire which exists in both these tribes that the Board should take the charge of boarding-schools, somewhat as in former years. The Creeks are willing to be at most of the expense of such a school, having funds for educational purposes. In this respect, the Seminoles are not so well supplied. In both cases, the Board, besides defraying a part of the expense, would have the appointment of superintendents and teachers. It is no easy matter to conduct such schools satisfactorily, as the experience of the Board in former years abundantly proved; but yet schools of this kind have done great good among the Indians.

LETTERS, besides those referred to above, have been received to January 15th, from the Chippewa Mission, December 31st; Omaha, January 6th; Corisco, October 15th; Tungchow, October 14th; Shanghai, October 24th; Bangkok, November 12th; Petchaburi, November 7th; Allalabad, November 8th; Roorkee, November 7th; Lodiana, November 22d; Rawal Pindi, October 26th; San Francisco, December 9th; Bogota, November 14th. These letters contain many things of interest, which cannot be satisfactorily epitomized; in general, they are encouraging as to the progress of the missionary work.

The Laos Mission.

We have at last received full accounts from our highly esteemed missionary, the Rev. Daniel McGilvary and his family, in letters dated in July and September. They were eighty-nine days on the journey from Bangkok to Chieng-Mai, but were kept in safety. They were well received by the authorities, and by the people. Some delay had occurred in procuring timber for building a house, and they were living in a temporary bamboo house. An eligible site for mission premises was offered by the king. Mr. McGilvary speaks of finding an open door and an inviting field in which to labour. There are apparently no restrictions placed on the work. The people may be visited, and the gospel preached to them in public and in private. Large numbers of the people of all degrees had visited the missionary. One or two chapels should be provided as soon as practicable; and the missionary regards a printing press as a thing which will soon be needed, to be supplied with type cut for the Laos alphabet; many can read, but no books are printed in their language, and the Scriptures are yet to be translated into it. Two cities are spoken of, besides Chieng-Mai, one of ten thousand inhabitants, distant a day's journey from the capital, and one of twenty thousand, about three days' distant, both easy of access, "while smaller towns and innumerable villages, and a fine populous country are all open, and have been for years, to missionary effort."

The Rev. Jonathan Wilson and his family have probably left Bangkok before this for Chieng-Mai. These brethren are separated from their friends and the Church, more in time than in distance, as no regular communication is kept up with the rest of the world. One package of letters and papers for Mr. McGilvary had been carried off by robbers, who attacked the boat on which they were sent; but finding they could make no use of such matters, they left them on the river bank, and some of them afterwards were recovered.

We are sure that these accounts will be read with much interest, and be regarded by many of our readers as an answer to their prayers. We trust many prayers will still be offered by the churches for these brethren and their interesting work.

How to Enlist Others.

“Very many of our Christian brethren, we rejoice to believe, are devoted to the promotion of this cause of Christ; if others are not yet fully enlisted in its behalf, we wish they could be induced to consider its claims upon them.”

How can this be done? We trust that *all* the members of our churches do feel some degree of interest in the spread of the gospel in all the world; we doubt not, they all pray, Thy kingdom come! But too many do not feel that degree of interest which would make them willing to go out personally as missionaries, if the door were opened before them, nor willing to part with their children that they may go, nor even willing to part with their pecuniary means, on any liberal scale, in order to send out and support those of their Christian brethren who do go. We need not dwell on these facts; we suppose all will acknowledge them to be correctly stated, at least all who are likely to read these lines; but the question recurs, what can be done to secure the full co-operation of our Christian brethren in this cause?

No extended reply can be offered here to this question, but a brief answer to it may be suggested. As praying, believing, repenting, or loving Christ and his people is of grace, all of grace, so is a true concern for the glory of Christ in the salvation of the heathen, so is the willingness to make sacrifices for this object, so is the disposition to give one's property in aid of this cause; all this is also of grace. The word of God, and ministers of the gospel as the appointed expositors of the word, are the principal agencies in the hand of the Holy Spirit for promoting the exercise of all these graces. Hence, if the members of a church are supposed to come short of their duty in respect to the missionary cause, let the same means and influences be used to remedy this great defect, as would be employed in the case of any other neglected grace or duty. The precepts, warnings, and promises of the Scriptures, clearly and warmly set forth by a beloved pastor, will prove to be most useful. He may call to his aid the help of a returned missionary, if Providence permit, or of some other minister, as an occasional thing, but he should not rely on the service of outsiders in this case any more than he would in other parts of his ministerial work.

This view of the subject rests the interest, which our people may be expected to take in the work of missions, mainly on the ministers of the churches and on the common means of promoting the exercise of Christian grace. It is but weakness to make the interest of Christian people in this cause depend on its special features—its foreign aspects—its novelties of views; a weakness equalled perhaps by that of the theory, that would turn the duty of promoting this cause over to some centralized agency like that of a Missionary Board, or to the hands of any other ministerial agents than the respected pastors of the churches. Not so would our ministers expect to make their people “grow in grace,” in other respects. And all observation shows that when ministers adopt and earnestly carry out this theory of the subject, their congregations are invariably brought forward in the fulfilment of their duty towards this work.

All this by no means excludes the circulation of missionary information, the affording to the churches the opportunity of making regular gifts to this cause, the particular training of the children to take a part in this work, the holding of meetings of prayer for this object, and of anniversary meetings also to review the progress of a year's work, of farewell missionary meetings with such brethren as may be going out, when opportunity offers, of reception meetings with returned missionaries, and any special services which a minister and the church session may consider expedient. It is quite within the province of a church session to see that

things of this kind be made tributary to the growth and fruitfulness of this grace ; and it is most desirable that our Sunday-schools and congregations should enter with spirit and lively interest into the great movement that looks to the redemption of the world. Only let all this, if possible, emanate from within rather than from without ; let it be the outgrowth of deeply felt grace in the heart.

The late Rev. James L. Mackey.

We take the following just tribute to the memory of the lamented missionary, Mr. Mackey, from a letter of the Rev. A. Bushnell, an esteemed missionary of the American Board, for many years at Gaboon, on the same part of the African coast as Corisco. Mr. Bushnell wrote at his station, August 8, 1867 :

We, too, are afflicted, and feel that we have sustained a great loss. During these seventeen years, since the departed Brother landed at my house, we have been intimate friends, and have mingled our counsels, prayers, and tears in the varied afflictions, trials, and labours, through which we have passed ; and I can say I have found no one in all respects his equal. Possessed of good common sense, and sound judgment, a strong and well-disciplined mind, and a sanctified heart ; with faith, hope, and patient zeal in lively exercise ; he was admirably fitted for service in this dark and difficult portion of the Lord's vineyard. And by his removal, your Board, the Corisco Mission, and all Africa, have sustained no ordinary loss. He has accomplished a good work in Africa, and "being dead yet speaketh," wherever his kind voice has formerly been heard in earnest, tender tones of winning sympathy and love. He was universally esteemed by both natives and foreigners, and regrets are often expressed that they will hear his voice and see his face no more. May the bereaved widow, who was ever an efficient help-mate, and devoted companion, receive in large measure the sympathy of the churches, as she doubtless does of the Great Head of the Church.

You are aware that from the first establishment of your Mission at Corisco, it has been in close sympathy with ours. Indeed the two have been more like separate stations of one, than two distinct missions. We have deeply sympathized with our brethren there in all their bereavements, and in the Papal aggressions, that have cast a threatening shadow over their prospects ; and rejoice in their continued perseverance and

faith. It is almost a year since I was there, but frequent communication by letter, and a recent visit of two months of Brother Clarke and family, have kept us well acquainted with the progress and prospects of the Lord's work there, and at Bonita ; and I have only encouraging words to write. Let not the Board and churches become discouraged, "for in due time" they shall "reap if they faint not," an abundant harvest, the first fruits of which have been gathered. Notwithstanding the relapse of many of our converts, and the great difficulty of obtaining native helpers here, we are not without encouraging tokens of good : and I doubt not the Gaboon and Corisco Mission are ultimately destined to enlighten and Christianize all these equatorial regions of Ethiopia.

The Convert and his Teacher.

The relations between them are tender and sacred. How often does the Apostle Paul refer to his spiritual children, and with what solicitude for their welfare ! And how deeply grateful must they have felt to him, through whose teaching they were led to Christ for salvation ! With their love and thankfulness would be mingled the feeling of their weakness and need of his continued instruction, and also of the truest sympathy in all his afflictions. Such thoughts as these will be suggested to the mind of the reader of the following letter. It is written by Tam Ching, at Canton, where he is studying for the ministry, and addressed to the missionary by whom he was led to the Saviour, when he was in California, a few years ago. Mr. Loomis has kindly translated this letter for our columns.

Wishing the illustrious teacher, from the most high Jehovah, which is the true God in three persons, may receive grace and peace.

I remember that formerly in God's house I heard the doctrine—it pointed

me to heaven. With the deepest thankfulness, I received those distinguished favours. It is now a long time since, by your kindness and pains, I received those benefits, but though my heart were cut in twain, I could not forget.

Removed to a very great distance from your teaching, very quickly a year and more has passed, and even thus far off I am ever thinking about the church.

Suddenly there springs up an eager desire to discharge my obligation, and the purpose is formed at an early day to cut off the note paper and send it up with expressions of regard: and also to arrange and gather together my abounding feelings and thoughts upon paper, and send them, by means of the carp in the river, or by the wild goose through the clouds; but lacking these means, alas! I am debarred from sending my epistle.

But just at this juncture, —, the teacher, is about returning to his native land, his way being past your honorable palace.

The report is that the lady [Mrs. Loomis] has bid adieu and departed from this dusty world, and relying on the grace of the Lord has ascended up to heaven's mansion, there face to face to chant the praises of the one true God in three persons.

According to man's reasoning, this is the sundering and separating of one body; and truly it is a cause for grief and weeping. But according to the teachings of the book of glad tidings, Paul says, For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain: also he says, To depart, and be with Christ is far better. Jesus says, I will cause that where I am there shall ye be also. Therefore, from these points of view, considering the subject, we contemplate the soul while in the body as a lamp covered by an earthen vessel; if suddenly the vessel is broken, its light shines out bright as the sun and the moon. Now say whether it is a cause for mourning, or a cause for rejoicing?

While in this world there is not one thing we can call our own; but having departed from the world suddenly we become possessors of all things; then which is better, to be poor, or to be rich? Ah, how blessed is it to go home!

Although the husband and wife in all affairs—in feelings, in love are intensely bound together, and belong to one another, and when suddenly one is taken

from the world, it is like the sundering of the string of a harp: whose heart, thus broken, would not be in extreme distress? Yet let me express ten thousand hopes that the harp string may be again united.

Properly my duty requires that I should hasten to your palace, and in person set forth and expand my words for the comfort of your heart; but, alas! the distance is great, hills and streams separate us, and though hurriedly I might run I would never get through. Therefore earnestly I arrange a few words, and embrace an opportunity just now offering, respectfully to send my composition, which is as uncultivated as the crowing of the fowls, but yet offered with a sincere heart, though the penmanship is coarse, and the style wanting in elegant diction and in the respectful phraseology.

To —, the bishop, great man: this 1867th year, 5th month, 11th day, in the evening, the child Tam Ching writes and presents.

Happy Death of a Seminole Indian.

On last Sabbath morning brother Pahos Hacho breathed his last. He was a member of our church, and a devoted Christian. But when we meet hereafter to worship God there will be one more vacant seat, one voice less lifted up in prayer and praise. During the hot months of the past summer he toiled hard to earn a livelihood for his little family; but suddenly he was attacked with fever, so violent that no medical aid could check its course. During three long weeks he suffered the greatest bodily distress. I visited him often, during his sickness, and found him a patient sufferer.

Although it was sad to witness his sufferings, yet I could not help rejoicing in seeing so strikingly displayed in this dark man of the forest, the triumphs of the gospel. Truly, I felt, in hearing his earnest prayers, and the confidence which he placed in Jesus Christ, it is not in vain that the gospel has been preached to the heathen. Once he groped his way in heathenish darkness, ignorant of God, and of salvation through his Son. But having learned the way to God, the hope of eternal life was his sweet comfort. On his pillow lay his hymn book, which he loved to read and to sing the sweet songs which it contained. I would take it up and com-

mence singing the dear words, in which he would join with the utmost delight.

One day when I told him that a brother minister had come, and that on the coming Sabbath we expected to celebrate the dying love of our Saviour, he burst into tears and wept like a child, requesting me to tell all the brethren not to forget him in their prayers. At his request the brethren held meetings for religious worship at his house, and when they were all singing of Jesus suffering on the cross, he would raise his hands and clap them, so happy did he feel in possessing an interest in that Saviour. On Saturday, the last time I saw him alive, life was fast ebbing away, but he survived until Sabbath morning, when he requested his brethren to come to his house to sing and pray. They went, but before they left his spirit took its flight.

They prepared his grave and coffin, and I preached to the remaining part of the congregation under our arbour. Late in the afternoon we met at our departed brother's house, to perform for him our last act of kindness. It was a very solemn meeting. I preached from 1 Thess. iv. 13-17, and hope that the truths thus proclaimed to that large and attentive audience of Red men, concerning the resurrection and judgment, together with the solemn circumstances of the occasion will not soon be forgotten. The discourse was concluded by recommending the desolate widow and orphan of our deceased brother to the consideration and tender care of all the Christian brethren present, and after prayer most fervently and feelingly offered by our good chief, Long John, we proceeded to deposit the remains in the grave. After the corpse was placed in the grave every one present showed their last token of respect by dropping a lump of clay into the grave. It was then filled up, meanwhile the whole assembly looking on with the deepest solemnity. When it was finished the benediction was pronounced, and then all dispersed for their homes, just as the sun had disappeared in the Western heavens.

J. R. RAMSAY.

Seminole Agency, Oct. 13th, 1867.

More Men needed in our Missions in China.

It is evident from this report of the missions of the Board in this country, that an open and widening door is set before them, and that their various labours are already bearing fruit. The

Church has reason to be grateful for the encouragement which has been granted from on high to her efforts for the salvation of this people. But it must not be forgotten, that these efforts do not bear a just proportion, either to the multitudes and the spiritual wants of the Chinese, or to the resources of the churches by whom these missions are supported. So far as furnishing men for the work is concerned, the Committee greatly regret to report no progress in the last year. The year is ended, without even one ordained missionary having been sent out to this great field. Our Church has but one minister in Peking, the capital of China, and the chief city in a province containing 27,990,000 inhabitants; but three in Shantung, a province containing 28,958,000; and nearly similar statements might be made of other provinces. Indeed, the whole number of Protestant missionaries from Europe and America now in China will not give one man to each three millions of people! More men should be sent forth, as well to strengthen existing stations as to occupy new points of great interest.—*Annual Report, May 1st, 1867, P. 38.*

Mission to the Jews.

The work of Mr. Neander still embraces two departments—his parish, being the minister of a German Church in Williamsburgh, in which he continues to meet with encouragement, and his province of labour as a missionary to the Jews in New York and its vicinity. The former agrees well with the latter in some respects, giving him greater influence with the Jews than if he were solely a missionary to them, and giving them opportunities of hearing the gospel preached by one who is of their own race.

The efforts made for the conversion of this people have been the same as in former years—visits to them at their places of business and in their dwelling-houses for religious conversation, interviews with them in the streets, receiving

some of them at his house, distributing the Scriptures, etc. He was not permitted to see any of them enabled to confess their faith in the Redeemer. Generally his intercourse with them was marked by respect, and in some instances by kindness and good-will. He speaks of them as increasing in number, in wealth, in extravagant outlay on their synagogues; a growing number are indifferent to all that is distinctive in their own faith.

The Jews are to be reached and influenced, chiefly, in Mr. Neander's opinion, by the godly examples and by the prayers of the Christian people among whom they dwell, superadded to such opportunities of gaining a knowledge of our religion as are here within the reach of all classes. If the members of our churches would earnestly seek, in the use of all proper means, to lead the minds of the Hebrews of their personal acquaintance to the Messiah, it can hardly be doubted that the influence of such efforts would be most happy.

Whether the Church should rest satisfied with missionary efforts so limited for the large Jewish population of this city and vicinity, and whether such efforts should be made for the conversion of the Jews in other countries, are questions often suggested in former reports

of the Committee, and questions that have been thus far practically answered in the negative. These questions should receive earnest consideration from year to year, but the Committee can only submit them to the attention of their Christian brethren.—*Annual Report, May 1st, 1857, pp. 42, 43.*

Two Converts Admitted to the Church of Corisco.

The Rev. C. De Heer writes as follows, under date of August 15th :

Our labours at the station are carried on as usual, and through the blessing of God we see now and then the seed spring up and bring forth fruit. At our last communion season two youths were admitted into the fellowship of the church. One from the Banana tribe, the other from Kombe. They have been inquirers and appeared before the session a year ago, during which time their deportment has been very correct; they had also during the year visited their respective tribes, and returned to the school. The latter was brought to me some three years ago, by our lamented brother Paull, and up to the time of his death, he always evinced a deep interest in this one and others whom he brought at the same time.

DONATIONS TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN DECEMBER, 1867.

SYNOD OF ALBANY.—*Pby of Albany*—Charleston Sab-sch 5; West Milton ch Ladies Missionary Soc'y for Petchaburi sch 22 50; Balston Centre ch mo con 1 23. Ladies' Society for girls in Siam 35; 1st ch Ballston Spa 28 92. *Pby of Mohawk*—Smithville Flats ch 7 50. *Pby of Troy*—Cambridge ch 97 55, Sab-sch 24 31 223 11

SYNOD OF ALLEGHENY.—*Pby of Allegheny*—Bull Creek ch. Rev J F Boyd 40. and Sab-sch 5, for Tungechow sch; Centreville Sab-sch for debt 25; Muddy Creek Sab-sch for debt 10. *Pby of Erie*—Cochranon Sab-sch 35; Greenville Sab-sch 11 00 126 00

SYNOD OF BALTIMORE.—*Pby of Baltimore*—Twelfth ch Baltimore, add'l 12 10; Broadway ch Baltimore 12 25. *Pby of Carlisle*—M'Connellsburg Sab-sch for debt 5 51; Green Hill Sab-sch for debt 5; Mechanicsburg ch. O Saxton, for Tungechow sch 20; John C Dunlap 100. for Tungechow 100; Mercersburg Sab-sch for debt 65 50; Harrisburg ch 228 33; Gettysburg Sab-sch for debt 58 53. *Pby of Lewes*—Réhoboth ch 8 50. *Pby of Potomac*—North ch Washington 36 50, Sab-sch for debt 62 01; N Y Ave ch, Washington 69 65 784 88

SYNOD OF BUFFALO.—*Pby of Buffalo City*—Bethany Centre ch 12 81; Central ch Buffalo 50. *Pby of Genesee River*—Central ch Genesee mo con 11 51, Sab-sch for debt 54; Portageville Sab-sch for debt 6. *Pby of Rochester City*—St Peter's ch Sab-sch, Rochester for debt 50; Port Byron ch 27 30 211 62

SYNOD OF CHICAGO.—*Pby of Bureau*—Pleasant Ridge Sab-sch for debt 3 50. *Pby of Chicago*—Jefferson Park Sab-sch 110; Kankakee Sab-sch 3 50. *Pby of Rock River*—First Gar ch Galena

Sab-sch 5; Franklin Grove ch 11, Sab-sch 2 25; Ashton ch 5; Middle Creek Sab-sch 3; Morrison Sab-sch for Bonita Mission 40 58; Galena South ch 70. *Pby of Schuyler*—Westminster ch Quincy 56 80. *Pby of Warren*—Galesburg Sab-sch for debt 30; Shiloh Sab-sch for debt 9 75; Knoxville ch 13 50 363 88

SYNOD OF CINCINNATI.—*Pby of Chillicothe*—Washington Sab-sch for debt 15; Belfast ch 2 35. *Pby of Cincinnati*—Seventh ch Cincinnati mo con 12 20, Sab-sch, add'l, for debt 30 03; 1st ch Walnut Hills Sab-sch quarterly coll 28 55. *Pby of Miami*—Monroe Sab-sch for debt 8; 3d ch Dayton 40, Sab-sch 12 50. *Pby of Oxford*—College Corner ch 16, Sab-sch 6; Reiley Sab-sch for debt 2 50 173 13

SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.—*Pby of Bloomington*—Waynesville ch. Elm Grove Sab-sch 2; Brenton Sab-sch for debt 5; Bloomington Sab-sch for debt 8. *Pby of Kaskaskia*—Elm Point Sab-sch 20; Dry Point ch 8. *Pby of Palestine*—Hebron ch 6 25. *Pby of Sangamon*—Union Grove Sab-sch 8 50; Portuguese Sab-sch Springfield 16 05 73 80

SYNOD OF INDIANA.—*Pby of Indianapolis*—Shelbyville ch 6 30. *Pby of Madison*—Vernon ch 13 35, Sab-sch 10 36. Infant class 8. *Pby of Vincennes*—Princeton Sab-sch 70 108 01

SYNOD OF IOWA.—*Pby of Cedar*—Wilton Sab-sch 20; Princeton Sab-sch 5; Red Oak ch 16, Sab-sch for debt 26. *Pby of Dubuque*—First ch Bellevue 7 36, Sab-sch 11 92 for debt; Chester Sab-sch 1 65; Frankville Sab-sch 2 25; Pleasant Grove ch 6 48, Sab-sch for debt 1 75; Pleasant Point Sab-sch for debt 1. *Pby of Winton*—First ch Winton Sab-sch for debt 7 64; Big Grove Sab-sch for debt 3 11 110 16

SYNOD OF KANSAS.—*Pby of Leavenworth*—Strangers Sab-sch Leavenworth 4 00

SYNOD OF KENTUCKY.—*Pby of Louisville*—Fourth ch Louisville, a member 5. *Pby of Transylvania*—Richmond ch Rev R A Johnstone 50, Sab-sch 2 30 57 30

SYNOD OF MISSOURI.—*Pby of Palmyra*—First ch Hannibal Sab-sch, add'l, for debt 31 75. *Pby of Southwest Missouri*—Calvary ch Springfield 55 86 75

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.—*Pby of Corisco*—Evangelasimba ch 78 87. *Pby of Elizabethtown*—Westfield ch 32 44. *Pby of Luzerne*—White Haven Sab-sch 5 75; Eckley Sab-sch 6 75; Lehigh Tannery Sab-sch 3; 2d ch Pottsville Sab-sch for debt 50. *Pby of Monmouth*—Red Bank Sab-sch for debt 15; Jamesburg ch 22. *Pby of Newton*—First ch Mansfield 100; Hackettstown Sab-sch for debt 75; Washingtonville Sab-sch 7 54. *Pby of New Brunswick*—Fourth ch Trenton 29, E B Fuller and wife 51, for debt; 2d ch Cranberry 20; Titusville ch 32 75. Sab-sch for debt 16. *Pby of Passaic*—Boiling Spring ch mo con 31 04; 3d ch Newark mo con 28 47, Sab-sch Young People's Miss'y Soc'y 225; 1st ch Morristown mo con 101 75; Wickliffe ch mo con 12 21; Chester ch 35, Sab-sch for debt 25. *Pby of Raritan*—Frenchtown ch 34 24. Sab-sch for debt 40 64. *Pby of Susquehanna*—Towanda ch mo con 10. *Pby of West Jersey*—Second ch Bridgeton 41 56, Sab-sch 44 28 1,174 49

SYNOD OF NEW YORK.—*Pby of Hudson*—Florida ch mo con 4; Monroe ch mo con 5; Washingtonville ch 29 50; Goshen Sab-sch district No 10 for debt 11. *Pby of Long Island*—East Hampton ch 107 89. *Pby of Nassau*—Astoria ch mo con 29 69; 1st ch Brooklyn mo con 63 80; South Third St Williamsburg mo con 39 18, Miss Celia Davies 15 66; Throop Avenue ch Brooklyn 60 18. *Pby of New York*—Forty-second St ch mo con 4 10; 1st ch Jersey City mo con 74 62; Rutgers St ch 252; Brick ch New York mo con 88 70, for Brazil Mission 1,000, Mission Chapel mo con 7 18. Sab-sch for Chefoo sch 500; 1st ch New York mo con 232 65, for China 100; Yorkville ch mo con 10; University Place ch mo con for Rio Chapel 100, Mission Sab-sch for Rio Chapel 50; Chelsea ch mo con 20; Palisades ch Dr C R Agnew 20. *Pby of New York 2d*—Mt Washington ch 200; Scotch ch Robert Carter and Brothers 500; Westminster ch Yonkers 91 33. *Pby of North River*—Calvary ch Newburg 28; Smithfield ch 75, Sab-sch for debt 11; Cold Spring Sab-sch 2 3,732 46

SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.—*Pby of Crawfordsville*—Terre Haute Sab-sch for debt 97 15. *Pby of Fort Wayne*—First ch Fort Wayne Sab-sch 106 53. *Pby of Muncie*—Calvary chapel Indianapolis, Inf't class for debt 9 212 63

SYNOD OF OHIO.—*Pby of Marion*—Marion ch 14 60, Sab-sch 15, for debt 4. *Pby of Richland*—Bladenburg ch 6 40; Blooming Grove ch 9 35; Clear Fork Sab-sch for debt 2 70; Shelby Sab-sch 8; Mt Vernon Sab-sch to sup child at Tunghow 74. *Pby of Wooster*—Chippewa Sab-sch 12; East Hopewell and Nashville Sab-schs 25; Holmesville Sab-sch 22 193 05

SYNOD OF PACIFIC.—*Pby of Benicia*—Napa Sab-sch for debt 14. *Pby of Oregon*—Eugene City Sab-sch for debt 9 23 00

SYNOD OF PHILADELPHIA.—*Pby of Donegal*—First ch Mt Joy 33. *Pby of Huntingdon*—West Kishacoquillas Sab-sch 34 06; Spruce Creek Sab-sch 16; Waynesburg and Newton Hamilton chs 69 15; Lower Tuscarora ch 25 25; Shaver's Creek ch 8; Waynesburg Sab-sch for debt 15. *Pby of New Castle*—Faggs Manor Sab-sch for debt 61 33. *Pby of Northumberland*—Briar Creek ch 6 50, Sab-sch for debt 2 30; Light St ch 7 50, Sab-sch for debt 4 80; New Columbia ch 16, Sab-sch for debt 2; West Hemlock Sab-sch for debt 90 cts; Chillisnaque Sab-sch for debt 5 25; Mooresburg Sab-sch for debt 2 50. *Pby of Philadelphia*—Arch Street ch Phila, A C M for China 5; South ch Infant Sab-sch, add'l 26, A little boy 3; 7th ch Sab-sch for debt 25 24. *Pby of Philadelphia Central*—Second ch half mo coll 7 61; North ch

Sab-sch for debt 70 12. Infant sch 13. *Pby of Philadelphia 2d*—First ch Easton, A lady for the chapel at Rio 5; Doylestown ch 42; Abington ch 27 93, Sab-sch for debt 7 50; Neshaminy ch 82 75; Frankford Sab-sch for debt 100; Bridesburg Sab-sch for debt 5; Allen Township ch 40, Sab-sch for debt 9. *Pby of Shanghai*—Shanghai Sab-sch for debt 14 1,662 69

SYNOD OF PITTSBURGH.—*Pby of Blairsville*—Johnstown Sab-sch for debt 70. *Pby of Ohio*—Concord ch 12; Pittsburg 2d ch Infant class 15. *Pby of Redstone*—Pleasant Unity Sab-sch for debt 5. *Pby of Salsburg*—Rayne Sab-sch for debt 12 02; Indiana ch 100 214 02

SYNOD OF ST. PAUL.—*Pby of Chippewa*—Chippewa Falls Sab-sch for debt 5 50. *Pby of St Paul*—First ch Hudson Sab-sch for debt 3 75; Westminster ch Minneapolis mo con 2 50; Central ch St Paul Sab-sch 55, Infant class 10. *Pby of S. Minnesota*—St Charles Sab-sch for debt 3; Fremont sab-sch for debt 2; Harmony Sab-sch for debt 2; Owatona Sab-sch for debt 5 88 75

SYNOD OF SANDUSKY.—*Pby of Michigan*—Woodhull Sab-sch and Bible class for debt 8 50. *Pby of Western Reserve*—Lafayette Sab-sch 1 25 9 75

SYNOD OF SOUTHERN IOWA.—*Pby of Des Moines*—Chariton ch 17 75. *Pby of Fairfield*—Salina ch 2 75, Sab-sch 4 75. *Pby of Iowa*—Evangelical St Peter's ch 6 31 25

SYNOD OF WHEELING.—*Pby of New Lisbon*—Beloit Sab-sch 3 55. *Pby of Steubenville*—Wellsville Sab-sch, add'l for debt 16; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 366 10. *Pby of Washington*—Second ch Wheeling 125; 1st ch Wheeling 20 50; 1st ch Washington mo con 16 28; Three Springs Sab-sch for debt 5; Beech Place Sab-sch 19. *Pby of West Virginia*—Morgantown ch twelve mo con's 49 30; Kingwood ch 10 50, Sammy, Willie, and Mary for debt 1 50; Si-terville ch 6 55; Bethel ch 8. *Pby of St Clairsville*—Five dollars credited in October to Rev G W Chalfant, should be to donor unknown 647 28

SYNOD OF WISCONSIN.—*Pby of Dane*—Vernon Sab-sch 9 44, acknowledged last month, should have been Verona Sab-sch; Plattsville German ch 1 85, Sab-sch 2. *Pby of Milwaukee*—Ottawa Sab-sch for debt 2 43; Delafield Sab-sch for debt 2 57. *Pby of Winnebago*—Depere Sab-sch 8, and Mission Sab-sch 2, for debt 18 85

SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.—*Pby of Catawba*—Concord col'd ch 6; Rocky River ch 6; Poplar Tent ch 6; Bethpage ch 2 20 00

Total received from churches. \$9,750 71

LEGACIES.—E-tate of Isabella Fulton, deceased, Phelps, N Y 120 90; Legacy of Dr Kilborne, dec'd, Ohio, less tax and exchange 187 75; Bequest of Mrs Ann Piper, dec'd, Ill, less exchange 49 88; Bequest of Susan McMeans, dec'd, Hamilton O, 327 14, Less Gov't tax on Margaret Hawkins' legacy 72, and on John Means' legacy 82 06 531 61

MISCELLANEOUS.—James McClellan, Jefferson, Ind, 10; Lawrenceville High School mo con 50 12; Lehigh Gap Mission Sab-sch for debt 2, Hattie and Frank 50 cts, Willie B 25 cts, Mrs S and children for debt 1 50, Ella 35 cts, Bobby 35 cts; Central Pres ch, Hamilton, Canada, to con Benj E Charleton *Life member*, 275; R M Cliphant 200, Premium 80; Locantaka Sab-sch for India 20; Religious Contribution Society, Theological Seminary, Princeton, N J, 141; Little Minnie Botsford 1; A M Bruen, Scarsdale 500; A Friend for debt, Portageville, N Y, 5; Mrs Randall's little ones 1 75; Miss C R Watt, Columbia, Tenn 2, her Sab-sch 1; J J Hamilton, Pa, 7; Savings of Lizzie, Kate, and Sallie 1; Mrs L M Miller, Niantic 5; Rev A G Compton, Arcata, Cal, for Rio Chapel 5; John E Parsons, Esq, 100; 1st Portuguese ch, Jacksonville, Ill, Sab-sch 27 15, and Johnny and James Cherry 85 cts, to sup young man in Brazil; Thank offering from E and L K 6 10; Rev E C Wines 10; Mrs Catharine Kinsey, Delaware Co, Pa, 5; Valmont ch Sab-sch, Colorado 21 50; A Lady, Delaware 5; Reformed Ger ch, Dayton, O, 15 1,500 42

Total Receipts in December, 1867 \$11,782 74

WM. RANKIN, Jr., Treasurer.

BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

PUBLISHING HOUSE, 821 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Letters relating to agencies, donations of books and tracts, the appointment of Colporteurs, manuscripts and books offered for publication, and the general interests of the Board, to be addressed to the Rev. WILLIAM E. SCHENCK, D.D., Corresponding Secretary and Editor, No. 821 Chestnut street.

All communications, reports, remittances of money, donations, and orders for books, to be addressed to Mr. WINTHROP SARGENT, Superintendent of Colportage, Business Correspondent, and Treasurer.

Subscriptions to *The Record*, and the *Sabbath-School Visitor*, and payments for the same, to be addressed to Mr. PETER WALKER.

The End of our Year.

The fiscal year of the Board of Publication ends with the close of the present month, February. All sums sent for colportage and distribution before the first day of March, and only such, will be acknowledged in the next Annual Report. We would respectfully request all persons having in their hands any money for the Board, and all who may intend to make any donations for the current year, to send early enough for such acknowledgment.

It is not, however, as a mere matter of business precision that we would make this request. We do it also upon the ground that the Board *has need of the money* to carry forward its work of colportage and distribution. Appeals are constantly coming to us from every part of the country, for grants of books and tracts for needy Sabbath-schools, poor missionaries, freedmen's schools, and churches, and for gratuitous distribution, by individual Christians who are willing to give their time and labour, but who cannot afford to buy tracts to give away. Then the Board has a large number of colporteurs scattered over the most of our States and Territories. Their salaries must be promptly paid, or their labour must cease; and they must have ample supplies of books and tracts for gratuitous distribution, or their usefulness would be greatly curtailed. These operations require a large outlay of money, and unless our churches and benevolent persons aid the Board by liberal contributions, the work cannot go forward. Let those, therefore, who can, send forward their contributions.

Worthy of Imitation.

The Board of Publication lately received a donation of twenty-seven dollars and fifty-four cents from the Presbyterian Church in Shanghai, China. In the letter which accompanies it, it is stated that "nearly every member of our church (I think *every one*) has an interest in this little contribution, and will follow it with prayers." In the Minutes of the General Assembly this Church appears with twenty-four members. The amount thus collected makes an average contribution therefore, of one dollar and fourteen cents to each communicant. If all our churches would do as well this

year, the contributions to this Board would amount to about \$281,000 instead of the \$28,760 which were last year dropped into its Colportage Fund. Can they not do this? Has a little church, struggling in the centre of heathenism, greater ability and willingness than those of our own land which are basking in the glorious noon-day light of the gospel? Our treasury *needs* to be replenished. Will not every church member place something in it, and assist in the great work of scattering abroad leaves of truth, from the word of life, for the healing of the people?

Never Lost.

The efforts of the Colporteur, or the private Christian, in the distribution of tracts, are not always graciously received. But let no one be discouraged. The bread cast upon the waters may return after many days. The late Daniel Fanshaw, of New York, one day gave a tract to a young infidel, who received it with the indignant soliloquy, "what right has he to interfere with me or my opinions?" In a cool and contemptuous manner, he first read the tract, then set fire to it, and lighted his cigar. A tract lost! An act of love thrown away! So it seemed. Twenty years passed. Mr. Fanshaw died. The man who had destroyed his tract, and remained in sin, saw the notice of his death. The old transaction was reproduced in memory. The contents of the tract came up afresh, and the despiser was convinced of his sin, became a converted man, and was led to peace and joy in believing. The Holy Spirit acts in His own time and in a mysterious manner. That burned tract was not lost.

Every tract, every religious book, which goes forth from our press does its work. The results may not always be known in this life. The judgment day will declare them.

Our Country's Hope.

A grosser and more fatal mistake cannot be made by our statesmen than to separate, or to attempt to separate, knowledge and piety, education and religion. Yet this mistake has been perpetrated; and the bitter fruits of the separation must be reaped by our children, unless the church awake to her responsibilities, and prove herself to be what her Lord designed, the preserving salt, and the light of our country and her institutions. She must give a religious education to her children; she must be faithful in household training; she must plant Sabbath-schools, Bible and Catechetical classes, in every neighbourhood; she must furnish a Christian literature for her people and for the whole land, and place the tract, and the volume, and the Bible in every family; and above all, she must send forth the living preacher into all our waste places. She must furnish and sustain a pious and learned ministry in every section of our wide territory. This is the only hope of our land. Without it, party spirit will overwhelm us in anarchy and confusion. Revivals are sometimes spoken of as our

only hope; but how can we expect revivals without a ministry? And how can we hope for intelligence and virtue, or rather for virtuous intelligence, without this divinely appointed agency? The ministry first, and then the press. The pulpit and the press are our country's hope. Let both be provided, cherished, and sustained! M.

From a Frontier Missionary.

To those who have generously aided the Board of Publication in making donations of its publications to the needy, such a testimony as that given below will convey a pleasant assurance that their money has been wisely and usefully expended.

A grant of Sabbath-school books was asked for by a domestic missionary in Minnesota. His request was granted and a package forwarded to his field of labour. The following is his response, dated from Monongalia County, Minnesota.

"It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your valuable donation of Sabbath-school books. You have made an admirable selection of library books, and the children are all delighted with them. Every one speaks also in terms of unbounded admiration respecting our new Sabbath-school hymn-book, "*Children's Praise*." As a frontier missionary, and on behalf of people living in a new settlement, most of whom are too poor to buy reading matter for themselves, many having barely sufficient means to procure their own subsistence for the winter, I tender through you to the Board of Publication, my most sincere thanks.

"If our churches only knew the amount of good thus effected through your timely donation of books and tracts to our struggling churches and missionary out-posts in the great West, they would give far more freely of their means in aid of the Distribution Fund of the Presbyterian Board of Publication."

Those who have read the last number of the *Record* have not forgotten, as we hope, that we then appealed to such as had money to give, for help to carry on this very branch of our work. Let such remember the words of the Lord Jesus. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Colportage in Nebraska.

When transmitting his report, a Colporteur in Kansas writes as follows:

"Since my last report I have travelled considerably in Nebraska and Kansas, but I never found money so scarce, as it has been recently. Still there were some pleasant circumstances connected with the labour. I stayed two nights, in going and coming, at one house. The family were very kind, and would receive no pay. They bought a copy of *Pilgrim's Progress*, and read it with much interest.

"I let another family have, for a short time, one of the Board's cheap publications, called *Confessions of a Convert*. The book was read with much interest and profit. An old gentleman began to read it aloud; then other members of the family read it. The old gentleman afterwards began to copy it. He said it was the best work upon the subject he had ever

seen, and he would like to write it all out if he had time. He wished to keep it longer, but it was the only copy I had, and another person was waiting for it. The little book is still 'moving on' and, with God's blessing it will do good; and that, too, in a neighbourhood where much error on this subject has been spread.

"The 'second hand' Sabbath-school library* you sent me, I left in a neighbourhood where it will be appreciated and will do much good. Pray for me, and for the cause in this region. J. S."

* These books came from the Sabbath-school of the first church of Newburyport, Mass.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

I. Old Michael and his little Friend. By the author of "Blind Annie Lorimer," "The Path and the Lamp," &c., &c. 18mo. Price 45 and 50 cents.

A sweet story of a little lame girl, who was very poor, but was befriended and instructed by old Michael, who was also poor and in humble life, but in whom dwelt much of the wisdom that cometh from above. The story is admirably written, and abounds with lessons of true piety. It cannot fail to delight young readers.

II. Mat Warner; or the Boy who wanted his Own Way. By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. Price 35 and 40 cents.

Nellie Grahame's little books are always well-written and full of valuable instruction. Mat Warner was a proud and self-willed boy, who rebelled against

legitimate authority, ran away and went to sea, and suffered the natural consequences. It will do the boys good to read the book.

III. Hetty's Tongue. Price 55 and 60 cents.

IV. The Infant Voyagers. 18mo. Price 55 and 60 cents.

Several excellent stories are bound together in each of these volumes, and each is illustrated by several handsome pictures. Each chapter contains an important lesson, bearing upon the happiness and welfare of children, both in this world and the next.

A single copy of any publication of the Board will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of the catalogue price.

Address orders to WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., 821 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Ballston Centre ch 3; Saratoga Springs ch 19 36	22 36	<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —New York Ave ch, Washington	5 00
<i>Pby of Chicago</i> —Chicago Twenty-eighth street ch	13 00	<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Shawneetown ch	11 10
<i>Pby of Chillicothe</i> —Belfast ch	2 10	<i>Pby of Shanghai</i> —Shanghai 1st ch	27 54
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch	9 00	<i>Pby of Sidney</i> —De Graff ch	2 25
<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch	3 00	<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Freemont ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Strasburg ch 15; Marietta ch 9 75	24 75	<i>Pby of Staubenville</i> —Annapolis ch 7 10; Centre Unity ch Hanna Fund 163 88	170 98
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Bellevue 1st ch	4 02	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Ebenezer</i> —Crittenden ch 12 30; Williams-town ch 4	16 30	<i>Pby of Topeka</i> —Fort Scott ch	5 50
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Erie Park ch "T C Spencer,"	30 00	<i>Pby of Transylvania</i> —Stanford ch 1; Bradfordsville ch 7; Bethel ch 6 50; Columbia ch 35 85; Ebenezer ch 25 25; Greensburg ch 5 50; Bethel Union ch 1 50	82 60
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Milroy ch	23 50	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 2d ch	11 18
<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Westminster ch Keokuk	26 75	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —French Creek ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill ch "P"	10 00	<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Dayton 3d ch	49 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Keene ch	9 25
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Jamesburg ch	20 00		
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Throop Ave ch 18 33; Jamaica ch 28 72	47 05		
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	13 00		
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London Congregational Benev Fund 30; "M N C" 10	40 00		
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Mt Olive ch 5; Morrissetown 1st ch Sab—ch 20	25 00		
<i>Pby of Philadelphia</i> 2d—Doylestown ch 11 68; Newtown ch 21 26; Frankford ch 5	37 94		

MISCELLANEOUS.

Proceeds of legacy of Dr Kilborne, Ohio 187 75;
John E Parsons, Esq 25; Legacy of Ann Piper,
late of Missouri 50

262 75

\$1,018 92

WINTHROP SARGENT, Treasurer.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Corresponding Secretary, Rev. H. I. Coz.

Treasurer, DAVID KEITH, St. Louis, Mo.]

Close of Our Fiscal Year.

The present fiscal year of the Board of Church Extension closes April 1, 1868, and donations received hereafter cannot be included in the next Report to the General Assembly. During the nine months ending December 31, 1867, applications have been received, calling for more than \$70,000. While the receipts for the same period are cheerfully in advance of the corresponding months of any previous year, they do not reach one-half the above sum. As the result, (including the demands of last year still on file), the applications now exceed the funds on hand to meet them more than \$60,000. Experience having shown that inadequate means can be distributed far more satisfactorily when the particulars of a considerable number of applications are before us, than when only a few can be examined together, the Board has temporarily suspended the making of appropriations. We hope, however, soon to resume the work of supplying the wants of the needy. Will not the hundreds of churches who have thus far this year failed to forward a contribution to our treasurer, at once cheer their houseless brethren by a substantial token of their sympathy?

Presbyterian and Methodist Liberality.

Much has been said of late about the large sums raised by the Methodist Church during its Centenary Year. While we desire to give all due credit to our Methodist brethren, and rejoice in their liberality, we think it ought to be known that our Church gave last year for benevolent purposes more per member than the Methodist Church.

According to "the Amended and Completed Summaries" of their Church, recently published in the Methodist journals, their 1,146,081 members gave last year for benevolent purposes, exclusive of Centenary objects, the sum of \$933,318 25, or less than eighty-two cents per member. The Minutes of our last General Assembly report that our 246,350 members gave for corresponding objects last year \$1,045,356, which is \$4 24 per member, or more than five times the average of the Methodist Church.

The Centenary Collections, it is stated in the same journals, will amount to over \$7,000,000, and may reach \$8,000,000, of which sum \$900,000 has been given by one individual. Admitting that the Centenary with the other collections already stated will reach the sum of \$9,000,000, we have an average of less than eight dollars per member reported by the Methodists for all objects, exclusive of ministerial support. The Minutes of our last General Assembly report contributions including ministerial support of \$3,731,164. Allowing an average support of \$1000 to each of the 1700 ministers that were reported as drawing their support from particular congregations, (an allowance \$300 beyond the highest average we have seen given by any one who had investigated the subject), we have from our 246,350 communicants collections amounting to \$2,031,164, or an average of \$8 ¼ per member, or nearly 25 cents per member more than the corresponding average of the Methodist Church, including Centenary gifts.

We publish these statistics, not in any spirit of invidious comparison or of boasting, (which latter is excluded by the fact that our gifts but little exceeded an average of two cents a day from each member of our Church), but because we have noticed of late too many Jeremiahs over our illiberality, and too little disposition to thank God for what he has inclined our people to give for the spread of His kingdom. To gratefully record what we have received opens the way for more, since to him that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundantly.

Statement of Receipts for December 1867, will appear in the next *Record*.

FUND FOR DISABLED MINISTERS,

AND THE NEEDY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MINISTERS.

(Continued from page 22.)

<i>Pby of Raritan</i> —Amwell 2d ch	\$8 50	<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Lafayette 1st ch	\$28 42
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Pittsgrove ch	43 56	<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —New Albany ch	80 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Goshen ch	54 90	<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Bellevue 1st ch	8 20
<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch	774 21;	<i>Pby of St Louis</i> —Nazareth Ger ch	11 65
Yorkville ch 4 76	778 97	<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —Pluckamin ch	25 00
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch	34 31	<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	13 00
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	33 00	<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch	75 70;
<i>Pby of Crawfordville</i> —Carpenterville ch	5; Green	Titusville ch 16 15	91 85
Castle ch 11	16 00	<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Chatham ch 37; Boiling Spring	55 16
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	10 00	ch 18 16	
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Kingston ch 4; Mt Gilead ch	5 30; Sandusky ch 5; Delaware ch 10	<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —Bridgeton 2d ch 10 95; Ab-	15 95
	24 30	secon ch 5	
<i>Pby of Benicia</i> —Napa City ch	23 00	<i>Pby of Susquehanna</i> —Monroeton ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Huntingdon ch 97; Mifflin-		<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —Croton Falls ch	7 00
town ch 68 85; Shirleysburg ch 8 20	174 05	<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Mt Washington ch	68 00
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Wilmington 1st ch	17 21	<i>Pby of Columbus</i> —Truro ch	5 55
<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —Union ch	3 00	<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch	17 80
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Lawrenceville ch 62 44; Miller's		<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Marietta ch	21 50
Run ch 20 30	82 74	<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Holidaysburg ch	48 12
<i>Pby of Saltsburg</i> —Parnassus ch	12 15	<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —Doe Run ch 7 75; New Lon-	
<i>Pby of Chippewa</i> —La Crescent ch	10 00	don ch, Benev Fund 20	27 75
<i>Pby of St Paul</i> —St Anthony ch	40 00	<i>Pby of Northumberland</i> —Williamsport ch	75 00
<i>Pby of Findlay</i> —West Union ch	5 90	<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —North Tenth St ch	16 54
<i>Pby of Fairfield</i> —La Fayette ch 3; Liberty ch	3 50; Birmingham ch 10 90	<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Chestnut Hill ch 275; In-	
	17 40	fant school of do 10	235 00
<i>Pby of Missouri River</i> —Nebraska City ch 26 45;		<i>Pby of Blairsville</i> —New Salem ch	27 71
Plattsmouth ch 10	36 45	<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Valley ch 10; Centre ch 17 25; Sha-	
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Fair Mount ch 5; Two Ridges		ron ch 31 33	58 58
ch 27 50; Ridge ch 12	44 50	<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Uniontown ch 50; Laurel Hill	
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Fairview ch 5 85; Cross Creek		ch 15 03	65 03
ch 48 55	54 40	<i>Pby of Western Reserve</i> —Northfield ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Oakland and Cambridge chs	10 00	<i>Pby of Des Moines</i> —Albia ch	3 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Janesville 1st ch	30 30	<i>Pby of Iowa</i> —Mt Pleasant ch 24 35; Round	
		Grove ch 8 75	33 10
	\$2,560 91	<i>Pby of New Lisbon</i> —Bethesda ch 6; Poland ch 10	
Synod of Cincinnati	\$143 23		16 00
Friends in Illinois	100 00	<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Corinth ch	11 00
Western Ohio, through Dr Speer	25 00	<i>Pby of St Clairsville</i> —Nottingham ch	40 00
Legacy of Mrs Hannah Couper of New Castle,		<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Wheeling 2d ch	26 09
Del	100 00	<i>Pby of West Virginia</i> —Buckhannon ch 9 50;	
		French Creek ch 26 18	35 68
	\$2,929 14	<i>Pby of Winnebago</i> —Westfield ch	5 00
GEO. H. VAN GELDER,		<i>Pby of Corisco</i> —Evangasimba ch	5 50
Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,			\$1,567 81
Office, No. 320 Walnut Street.		A member of Louisville 4th ch	5 00
Philadelphia, December 5th, 1867.		A lady of Delaware	5 00
The following amounts have been received		"P," of Summit Hill, Pa,	10 00
since last report, viz.		N P More of Columbus, Ohio	10 00
<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Kingsborough ch 26 45; Ballston		Rev Robert Irwin	10 00
Centre ch 19 09; Ballston Spa ch 18 59	\$64 13	Interest on Permanent Funds	213 25
<i>Pby of Allegheny</i> —Plain Grove ch 8 35; Sunberry		Bequest of Mrs Ann Poper, late of Ill	50 00
ch 6	14 35		\$1,871 06
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Concord ch	4 00	GEO. H. VAN GELDER,	
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Little Beaver ch	5 22	Treasurer Trustees of General Assembly,	
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Harrisburg ch	59 30	Office No. 320 Walnut Street,	
<i>Pby of Genesee River</i> —Tuscarora ch 3; Warsaw		Philadelphia, January 6th, 1868.	
ch 20	23 00		
<i>Pby of Bureau</i> —Woodhull ch	5 00	In remitting money to this Fund, the name of	
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Montgomery ch 11 25; Cincin-		the Church and Presbytery to which it belongs	
nati 5th ch 63 88	75 13	should be distinctly stated, that it may be cor-	
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —Monroe ch 16; Springfield 1st ch		rectly acknowledged. And where checks or	
25	41 00	drafts are sent they should be drawn to the order	
<i>Pby of Sangamon</i> —Springfield 3d ch	38 50	of "GEO. H. VAN GELDER, Treasurer."	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN.

REV. S. C. LOGAN, *Corresponding Secretary*, A. CAMERON, Esq., *Treasurer*, Box 224 Pittsburgh, Pa.
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How money was raised to Educate a Catechist.

The following extract from a letter written by a lady who is a member of a mission church in Ohio, will show how this work may be accomplished if the Sabbath-school teachers will but make the effort.

"Dear Sir.—Although a stranger to you, I am no stranger to the noble work in which you are engaged, and my prayer is that God may open the hearts of Christians all over this land to aid you with the necessary funds to prosecute it. We have resolved to work as well as pray, for I believe that to some extent we must answer our own prayers. Although the prospect looked dark—for our church is truly a mission church, and our Sabbath-school poor, pecuniarily, yet we are determined to raise one hundred and fifty dollars for the support of a student catechist. The effort was made, and succeeded beyond our most sanguine expectations. Our plan is this, we formed an association to raise the money, so that by the contribution of twenty-five cents, the smaller children might become members, while the teachers and members of the Bible classes were expected to contribute one dollar for the same privilege. Many cheerfully contributed more than that sum. The money is to be paid quarterly, and when our catechist gets fairly to work, we expect to get reports from him, which will be read to the school, and at that time the names of the scholars contributing are to be read, so that each one may feel a personal interest in the matter. In this way we have—although the work is but just fairly commenced—secured the assistance of those who never before felt that there was anything for them to do. As far as I have had the opportunity I have endeavoured to induce the children to *earn the money*, and as they have done so, they have come with beaming faces, saying, 'I've got my quarter.' Thus they secure a double blessing. If the hearts of the children and youth of our beloved land could only be enlisted in this good work, eternity alone will reveal the results."

Would that the Sabbath-schools that have hitherto done nothing for the good work could be induced to follow the example of the one referred to by our correspondent. Please try her plan.

The reports of missionaries from all points of the South agree in representing the present condition of the freedmen as worse than at any former period. Poverty and wretchedness are everywhere. A native of North Carolina, who has laboured for a year as catechist tells us of the visitation of forty-five families of the destitute in one congregation. He says, "Women with little children who have no husbands go from place to place hunting homes, getting bread wherever they can. They cannot get work on account of their children. I tried to get them into the poor-house, but could not, as there are no funds. I am fearful that many of them will perish this winter. A great number of the freedmen are contracting for the coming year with their former masters for their food and clothes, their former owners not being in circumstances to pay any wages. My father's women have all returned, and are now on my hands, the men having all left the country save one, who is now in Biddle Institute."

With such destitution appealing to us, how rich seem the gifts of these boxes of clothing with which we have been enabled to clothe many of the suffering poor. Will not other churches and individual Christians come to our help in this good work.

The Committee would thankfully acknowledge the following contributions—

First church of Allegheny City, 2 boxes of clothing, one valued at \$242 33; the other not valued.

1 box from Pres ch of Worth, Pa. Valued at \$40.

1 box from Miami City Pres ch. Valued at \$225.

1 box from Mrs. F. T. Woods, Huntingdon, Pa. Not Valued.

1 box from Pres ch Erie, Pa. Not valued.

1 box from Pres ch Constantine, Michigan. Not valued.

2 boxes from Pres ch East Liberty. Valued at \$75.

2 boxes from Mrs. E. G. Wallingford, Pittsburgh. Valued at \$77 and \$125.

400 volumes of Sabbath-school books from the 4th Pres ch, Pittsburgh.

A cabinet organ for Biddle Institute, from Mrs. B. G. Galloway, Cooper Institute, Dayton, Ohio.

2 boxes from Pres ch Washington, Pa. Valued at \$100.

1 box from member of West Spruce Street ch, Phila. Valued at \$50.

DONATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON FREEDMEN FOR DECEMBER, 1867.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Princeton ch 18; Schenectady ch 68 75	86 75
<i>Pby of Allegheny City</i> —Beaver ch 16; Concord ch 3	19 00
<i>Pby of Buffalo City</i> —First ch Bath	6 40
<i>Pby of Beaver</i> —Little Beaver ch 5 75; Beaver Falls ch 19	24 75
<i>Pby of Bloomington</i> —Champaign ch	13 50
<i>Pby of Connecticut</i> —South Salem ch 26; Croton Falls ch 5	31 00
<i>Pby of Cincinnati</i> —Springdale ch	11 85
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Piney Creek ch	6 25
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Fairview ch	3 55
<i>Pby of Erie</i> —Second ch Mercer	13 00
<i>Pby of Hudson</i> —Hainptonburgh ch 29 50; Middletown ch 3 35	32 85
<i>Pby of Hocking</i> —Athens ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Huntingdon</i> —Mifflintown and Lost Creek chs	45 00
<i>Pby of Indianapolis</i> —Shelbyville ch	8 00
<i>Pby of Kaskaskia</i> —Elm Point ch	16 65
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —Port Washington ch 10 45; Grafton ch 1 55	12 00
<i>Pby of Miami</i> —First and Third chs Dayton 40 02; Monroe ch 10	50 02
<i>Pby of Madison</i> —Hopewell ch	1 60
<i>Pby of Maumee</i> —Eagle Creek ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Marion</i> —Wyandott ch 2 13; Iberia ch 7 68	9 81
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —First ch Freeport	4 40
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Bethlehem ch	37 62
<i>Pby of New Albany</i> —Bloomington ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Ohio</i> —Shady Side ch 29 08; Long Island ch 4 21; Canonsburgh ch 12 90; Centre ch 18 85; East Liberty ch, add'l, 20; Bethany ch 58 55; Central ch, Pittsburgh 46 05	189 64
<i>Pby of Ogdensburg</i> —Hammond ch	7 75
<i>Pby of Potomac</i> —Georgetown ch	6 00
<i>Pby of Peoria</i> —Princeville ch 24 10; French Grove ch 10 10	34 20
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —Olivesburgh ch	13 25
<i>Pby of Redstone</i> —Brownsville ch	6 50
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Freeport ch	10 00
<i>Pby of Saline</i> —Golconda ch	2 00
<i>Pby of Steubenville</i> —Ridge ch 3; Annapolis ch 12	15 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Salem ch	7 00
<i>Pby of Washington</i> —Forks of Wheeling ch 33 00	
<i>Pby of Warren</i> —Knoxville ch	13 50
<i>Pby of Wheeling</i> —First ch Wheeling	35 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Jeromeville ch 7 23; Fredericksburg ch 53	60 23

MISCELLANEOUS.

Rev Luke Dorland, N C 35; Mrs N Wade, Washington, Pa, special 20; Miss T F. Pittsburgh 20; Children's pennies, coloured school, Amelia, Va. 50 cents; E C Platt, special 5; Harriet Huntington 10; J G & Mrs E C Junkin 3; First ch, Harrisburg, Dr Weier's 20; H V L 61 cents; J J Hamilton, McCoyville 7; X Y, New Jersey 55; Mary H Smith, Elizabeth, Pa 5; Jane Stevenson, second installment 37 50; Unknown 1; Thos Neel, Greenfield Farm 5; Mrs E G Wallingford, Pittsburgh 500; T C Caruthers, Holliday's Cove, W V 10; John Lee, Medina, O 5	739 61
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Received at Philadelphia.

<i>Pby of Albany</i> —Ballston Centre ch 8, Sab-sch 2 52; Kingston ch 25	\$35 52
<i>Pby of Carlisle</i> —Gettysburgh ch Sab-sch	11 80
<i>Pby of Cedar</i> —Red Oak ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Donegal</i> —Slakeville ch 9; Marietta ch, add'l, 2	11 00
<i>Pby of Dane</i> —Belleville ch	4 00
<i>Pby of Dubuque</i> —Peosta ch	4 25
<i>Pby of Elizabethtown</i> —First ch, Metuchin	7 10
<i>Pby of Long Island</i> —East Hampton ch	14 37
<i>Pby of Luzerne</i> —Summit Hill	10 00
<i>Pby of Milwaukee</i> —First German ch, West Granville	4 00
<i>Pby of Monmouth</i> —Red Bank ch	5 00
<i>Pby of New York</i> —University Place ch	283 77
<i>Pby of New York 2d</i> —Peekskill ch	30 68
<i>Pby of New Castle</i> —New London ch, Benevolent Fund 30; M N C 15; Fagg's Manor ch 11	56 00
<i>Pby of New Brunswick</i> —Lawrenceville ch	25 60
<i>Pby of North River</i> —Rondout ch	25 00
<i>Pby of Newton</i> —Blairstown ch	19 00
<i>Pby of Nassau</i> —Ross st ch, Brooklyn	50 00
<i>Pby of Passaic</i> —Boiling Springs ch 18 96; Central (Orange) ch 100	118 96
<i>Pby of Philadelphia Central</i> —Infant-sch of North ch	4 60
<i>Pby of Philadelphia 2d</i> —Newtown ch	17 22
<i>Pby of Rock River</i> —Galena South ch	21 10
<i>Pby of Richland</i> —First (Mansfield) ch	14 81
<i>Pby of S Minnesota</i> —Rochester ch	27 00
<i>Pby of Vinton</i> —Deep River ch	5 00
<i>Pby of Wooster</i> —Chippewa ch	11 00
<i>Pby of West Jersey</i> —First (Bridgeton) ch	50 00

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Rev W J McCord, Wassaic, N Y	2 00
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Total receipts in December, \$2,497 86

A. CAMERON, Treasurer.

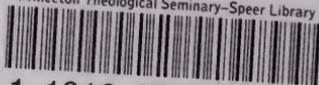
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